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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended.

DRAWINGS REJECTION

Applicants note the objections of the Draftsperson. A full set of formal drawings is being submitted under separate cover.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, for reciting "said telephone call". Examiner asserts that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to overcome the antecedent basis deficiencies noted by the Examiner. It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing amendment merely addresses matters of form and does not change the literal scope of the claim in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

Applicants note that none of the amendments to the claims herein are in response to the below discussed prior art rejections.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

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In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Yablon (US 5,746,731). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

Regarding Claims 1 and 8, Yablon discloses "Finally, a pager receiving a telephone number and other enhanced user information from a paging service can be supplemented with a telephone device allowing number recall and signalling directly from the pager memory". Yablon does not teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 1 and 8. In particular, Yablon does not teach or suggest "maintaining a unique association between said message, said inbound telephone number, and said MS telephone number" as recited in claims 1 and 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that amended independent claims 1 and 8 are allowable. Therefore Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 8.

Claims 2-7 and 9-14 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claims 1 and 8, and therefore include all the limitations of these claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2-7 and 9-14 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to claims 2-7 and 9-14.

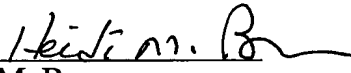
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

1. (Once Amended) A method for identifying a message selection made at a mobile station (MS), the method comprising the steps of:
 - uniquely associating an inbound telephone number with a message;
 - attaching said inbound telephone number to said message;
 - sending said message and said attached inbound telephone number to an MS using an MS telephone number associated with said MS;
 - maintaining a unique association between said message, said inbound telephone number, and said MS telephone number;
 - selecting said message at said MS;
 - calling from said MS said inbound telephone number attached to said selected message;
 - identifying said inbound telephone number of said telephone-call;
 - identifying said MS telephone number of said telephone-call; and
 - identifying said message associated with said inbound telephone number and said MS telephone number, thereby identifying said message selection made at said MS.
8. (Once Amended) A method for outputting an underlying message based on the identification of an associated message, the method comprising the steps of:
 - creating an associated message identifying an underlying message;
 - uniquely associating an inbound telephone number with said associated message;
 - attaching said inbound telephone number to said associated message;

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sending said associated message and said attached inbound telephone number to an MS using an MS telephone number associated with said MS;
maintaining a unique association between said underlying message, said inbound telephone number, and said MS telephone number;
selecting said associated message at said MS;
calling from said MS said inbound telephone number attached to said selected message;
identifying said inbound telephone number of said telephone call;
identifying said MS telephone number of said telephone call;
identifying said underlying message associated with said inbound telephone number and said MS telephone number; and
outputting said underlying message.